

The manufacturers of snowmobiles have successfully labored to build quieter, cleaner machines. The four-stroke engines found in new generation snowmobiles emit far less hydrocarbons and carbon monoxides than the older, two-stroke models. In addition, they operate at a decibel level that is quieter than many vacuum cleaners.

The sixty-five thousand snowmobiles that enter the parks each winter on a limited road system is part of a new Winter-Use Plan that allows all Americans to enjoy the majestic beauty of Yellowstone, while still preserving the health of the Park and the wildlife that live there. In fact, the environmental impact of these machines on this national treasure is likely far less than that of the nearly two million cars and trucks that enter in the summer months.

Mr. Chairman, responsible snowmobiling has its place in the American outdoors, especially in national forests designed for multiple-use. I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment.

IN HONOR OF FRANCIS A.
PETERLIN

HON. JAMES P. MORAN
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the service and career of Mr. Francis A. Peterlin as he prepares to retire after forty-four years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, Mr. Peterlin has epitomized the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment and has displayed exceptional leadership in the advancement of the Navy's military construction requirements within the Department of Defense and the Congress.

In July 1960, Mr. Peterlin began serving his nation at the Department of Interior. In 1962, he chose a different path and entered the military in the Navy Reserves as a Civil Engineer Corps officer. While serving in June 1965 as Officer-in-Charge of SEABEE Technical Assistance Team 1104 in Dong Xoai, Vietnam, his unit was overrun by Republic of Vietnam Army forces. For his bravery and leadership during this encounter, Mr. Peterlin was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals along with the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for SEABEE Team 1104.

Upon discharge from the hospital and military service in 1966, Mr. Peterlin began his 38-year association with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command as a Civil Engineer for the Resident Officer of Construction, Pacific in San Bruno, California. During this tour ROICCPAC was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of construction efforts in Southeast Asia.

In 1969, he adopted the Commonwealth of Virginia as his home when he transferred to the Headquarters of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command located at the time in Alexandria, Virginia. In a succession of positions of increased responsibility Mr. Peterlin brought to this Command keen insight, attention to detail and a calm demeanor that fostered thoughtful and effective solutions. From 1969–1979, he was a civil engineer in the Interagency Con-

struction Division providing project management for projects from various defense and federal agencies. In 1979, he became a Supervisory General Engineer in the Officer in Charge of Construction, Trident, Program supporting the construction of new homeports for Trident class submarines in Bangor, Washington, and Kings Bay, Georgia. From 1981–1991, he served as the Command's Congressional Advisor, providing professional advice to senior Navy officials testifying at Congressional hearings and dedicated and trusted support to the staffs of the Armed Service and the Military Construction Appropriation committees of both the House and Senate. He then served as a Division Head from 1991–1997, Deputy Director 1997–2002, and Director 2002 to the present of the Military Construction Directorate.

His steadfast leadership and superb performance have won him numerous awards, including the Department of the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Award in 1988 and the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1991. Mr. Peterlin completes his distinguished and honorable career in public service as Director of Military Construction, Naval Facilities Engineering Command responsible for the programming, budgeting, and construction of all Navy ashore facilities worldwide. He leaves behind a cadre of proteges that he has mentored into positions of leadership to carry on his legacy.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Frank Peterlin for his long and dedicated service to this country and join with his friends and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he and his wife Elena begin a well-earned retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 21, 2004, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall Nos. 276, 277, and 278. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 276 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 591, Expressing the Gratitude of the House of Representatives for the Contributions made by America's Community Banks; rollcall vote 277 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 4363, the Helping Hands for Homeownership; and rollcall vote 278 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 660, Congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 276, 277, and 278.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for rollcall votes 260 through

278 on Thursday, June 17, 2004, Friday, June 18, 2004, and Monday, June 21, 2004 due to a requested and approved leave of absence. Had I been present, the record would reflect that I would have voted:

"Yea" on rollcall 260, on approving the journal;

"No" on rollcall 261 on the Hinchey amendment numbered 18 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to kill bison, or assist in the killing of bison, in the Yellowstone National Park herd;

"No" on rollcall 262 on the Sanders amendment to prohibit the use of funds to maintain more than 65 million barrels of oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

"No" on rollcall 263 on the Holt amendment numbered 4 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to permit recreational snowmobile use in Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, which connects the two parks;

"Yes" on rollcall 264 making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

"No" on rollcall 265 on the DeFazio amendment numbered 17 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to strike the proviso beginning on line 5;

"No" on rollcall 266 on the Sweeney amendment numbered 3 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to increase by \$450,000,000 the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness;

"No" on rollcall 267 on the Jackson-Lee amendment to increase research, development, acquisition and operations by \$10,000,000;

"No" on rollcall 268 on the DeLauro amendment which sought to insert a new section at the end of the bill to require that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to issue an order under a task and delivery order contract to entities not in compliance with section 835 of Public Law 107–296;

"No" on rollcall 269 on the Roybal-Allard amendment numbered 1 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds to process or approve a review of options for privatizing of contracting out services provided as of June 1, by employees or temporary employees of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services who serve as immigration information officers, contract representatives or investigative assistants;

"Yes" on rollcall 270 on the Tancredo amendment to prohibit the use of funds to provide assistance to any state or local government entity or official that prohibits or restricts the sharing of an individual's citizenship or immigration status with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

"No" on rollcall 271 on the Maloney amendment numbered 9 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to limit to 80 the total number of grants available under the Urban Area Security Initiative, which provides discretionary grants to high-threat, high-density urban areas;

"No" on rollcall 272 on the Sabo amendment to insert a new section at the end of the bill for the Privacy Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct privacy impact assessments of proposed rules as authorized by section 222 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 142), hereby derived from

the amount provided in this Act for "Aviation Security";

"No" on rollcall 273 on the Markey amendment numbered 10 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to approve, renew or implement any aviation cargo security plan that permits the transportation of unscreened or uninspected cargo on passenger planes;

"No" on rollcall 274 on the Velazquez amendment which sought to prohibit the use of funds from being used by the Federal Protective Service to replace any existing contract for security guard services with statewide contracts for security guard services;

"Yes" on rollcall 275 making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes;

"Yes" on rollcall 276 expressing the gratitude of the House of Representatives for the contributions made by America's community banks to the Nation's economic well-being and prosperity and the sense of the House of Representatives that a month should be designated as "Community Banking Month";

"Yes" on rollcall 277 passing the Helping Hands for Homeownership Act;

"Yes" on rollcall 278 Congratulating Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks on pitching a perfect game on May 18, 2004.

COMMENDING LEXINGTON POLICE CHIEF MIKE ROTH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend a public servant of 31 years, Chief William M. (Mike) Roth of the Lexington, South Carolina Police Department. Under his leadership, the Lexington Police Department grew from a force of ten to thirty-one officers that currently serve a population of 16,000 citizens. His innovative approaches to criminal justice issues have resulted in the establishment of a full-time traffic unit, an Emergency Service (SWAT) Team, and the institution of Community-Oriented Policing.

Chief Roth was also personally responsible for the establishment of the Department's Investigative Division that includes a Child and Elder Abuse Investigator and a full-time Victims Advocate. Additionally, he was instrumental in the creation of such local school-based programming as School Resource Officers and DARE classes for elementary and middle school students.

Under Chief Roth's leadership, the Department received many awards and recognitions, developed and implemented the "Adopt-a-Cop" development, and contributed to the establishment of the Lexington Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) after-school program.

His hands-on approach to law enforcement management and dedication to the community serves as an example for other police departments to follow.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th.

RECOGNIZING TOMMY PILIOURAS AND THE MARGARITA GRILL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. I rise today to recognize a patriotic small business owner in my district that I had the pleasure of meeting last week.

Tommy Piliouras of Citrus County owns and operates the Margarita Grill in Homosassa, Florida. I arrived at his restaurant to find a line of eager people happy to wait as long as necessary for a table in his restaurant. All customers receive an American flag, and patriotic music plays throughout the restaurant which is decorated in red, white, and blue.

Mr. Piliouras runs the Margarita Grill along with his son, Sammy. The two of them chat and interact with customers at their tables and lead the crowd in singing patriotic songs while everyone waves the American flag. For patrons unwilling to wave the American flag, the restaurant plays "Hit the Road Jack" long enough for them to take their business elsewhere.

Tommy Piliouras came to America in 1958 from his native country of Greece and is proud to be an American. He appreciates the American way of life that many take for granted. His sense of family, community, and hard work truly exemplify the American spirit. It is refreshing and comforting to see such grateful, proud Americans.

I am pleased to have such loyal, appreciative Americans living in the communities of my district, and I am honored to recognize Tommy Piliouras and the Margarita Grill on the floor of this House today.

HONORING RICHARD S. AGNEW

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the stories of our veterans should be preserved for future generations. These accounts will serve as a valuable record of the price of freedom.

Richard S. ("Dick") Agnew, of Plano, Texas is a shining example of the American veteran. He's dedicated fifty-seven years of patriotic service to our nation and his fellow veterans . . . all without much fanfare or tribute.

Well, today that's about to change as the country and the Congress say, "Thank you."

In 1947, Mr. Agnew enlisted in the U.S. Army and served proudly with Airborne Infantry units. He rose through the ranks and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School as a Second Lieutenant in 1952. He served in combat in Korea with the 40th Infantry Division in what was dubbed the bloody Heartbreak Ridge sector.

On the night of July 19, 1953, Lieutenant Agnew engaged in hand-to-hand combat with enemy soldiers deep behind enemy lines. For his extraordinary heroism in that engagement, he was awarded the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Cross, our nation's second highest award for valor, and the Purple Heart

medal for the wounds he sustained in that life-and-death struggle. Dick Agnew endured what people today only watch in movies.

Promoted to Captain while on active duty, Agnew later attained the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. After he left active duty, Mr. Agnew attended Suffolk University in Boston, MA, from 1961-1964. He graduated Cum Laude in the top 3% of his class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. A successful career in business ended with his retirement in 1996.

Mr. Agnew has devoted his life to promoting patriotism and improving the quality of life of his fellow veterans. He is the North Texas Commander of the Legion of Valor, a national organization chartered by Congress, whose members were awarded the Medal of Honor; also the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross.

It is a tremendous honor to recognize an unsung hero like Dick Agnew. You know, there was an inscription on the wall where I was held captive as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam—and I think it sums up Dick Agnew's experience. It read—Freedom has a taste to those who fight and almost die for it that the protected will never know. Dick Agnew knows about freedom. Dick Agnew loves that freedom. And Dick Agnew loves America.

God bless him and God bless America.

I'd like to insert his medal citation into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED- SERVICE CROSS

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1913), and pursuant to authority in AR 600-45, the Distinguished-Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded in the name of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, to:

First Lieutenant RICHARD S. AGNEW, 01925377, Infantry, United States Army. Lieutenant AGNEW, a member of an infantry company, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Mundung-ni, Korea. On the night of 19 July 1953, Lieutenant AGNEW, was serving as the leader of a combat patrol operating far ahead of the United Nations main line of resistance when he and the assistant patrol leader fell from a cliff. Although his ankle was painfully injured and he was in enemy territory, Lieutenant AGNEW ordered the patrol to return to friendly lines and establish plans to rejoin allied forces the following evening. The following night, Lieutenant AGNEW and his comrade scaled the cliff and proceeded toward United Nations territory. When challenged by an enemy soldier, Lieutenant AGNEW fearlessly hurled a hand grenade. He was wounded and separated from his companion when the enemy retaliated with a hail of small arms and grenade fire. Confronted by an enemy soldier armed with a knife, Lieutenant AGNEW ignored his weakened condition, engaged him in hand to hand combat and killed him with his own weapon. Hearing other enemy forces advancing, Lieutenant AGNEW then pulled the pin on his remaining hand grenade and tied it to his hand before falling to the ground in exhaustion. He was later found in a semi-conscious condition by a United Nations patrol. The extraordinary heroism exhibited by Lieutenant AGNEW on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Entered the Federal service from Massachusetts.